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SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. Rs. 150—under 2. A. 1-Agriculture-Establishment-Miscellaneous.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 150 under "2-A-1-Agriculture—Establishment—Miscellaneous". Air Raid Precautions have to be undertaken for the office buildings of the Director of Agriculture at Trichur. Hence as precautionary measures for the office building of the Director of Agriculture, pumps, buckets and coir have to be purchased and trenches have to be constructed near by. The estimated cost for these comes to Rs. 150. There is no provision for this item of expenditure in the current year's budget. Savings are also not possible for re-appropriation from other heads. Therefore the necessity for an additional allotment has arisen. I request the House to grant the same.

Demand put and carried.

2. Rs. 1,300—under "2-A-2-Farm Operations—casual labour."

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,300 under "2-A-2-Farm operations—casual labour". The casual labourers in the Central Farm are paid at the rate of 4 to 5 annas for men and 2¼ to 2¾ annas for women at present. Due to the large increase in the price of commodities, Government have ordered to raise the rates of wages to 5 to 6 annas for men and 3 to 3½ annas for women per day from the 1st of Kumbham onwards. This entails an additional expenditure of Rs. 1,300. Orders for raising the rates of wages were issued only this year. Savings are not possible for re-appropriation from other heads. Hence the necessity for this additional allotment. I request the House to grant the same.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Why not pay higher wages to the labourers.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* We will do it in course of time when necessity arises.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are the wages now paid adequate ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The Hon'ble Minister just now said that they were getting only 4 to 5 annas and it is going to be revised now. Is it on your own initiative or on account of any representation from them.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* They were getting only 4 as. and 5 as. We are raising it to 5 as. and 6 annas.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are you raising the wages, because of any complaint, or request or are you doing it of your own accord?

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Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Surely, due to their complaints.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What was their demand?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* They simply wanted an increase in wages.

Demand put and carried

3. Rs. 3,680 under "Public Health—Miscellaneous"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,680 under public Health—Miscellaneous. For the dissemination of correct news among the public Government have sanctioned a scheme to instal four wireless receiving sets in four centres in the State, namely; Kunnamknlam, Irinjalakkuda, Cranganur and Vadakkancheri. The cost price of a set comes to Rs. 850 including the cost of installing, allowance to radio operators and cost of charging battaries the total cost comes to Rs. 3,680. The scheme was sanctioned only this year. Savings are not available for reappropriation. Hence I request that the additional grant may be allowed.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Sir, I oppose this allotment. Before I give reasons for my opposition, I would like to know what exactly is meant by dissemination of correct news. I find the allotment is required for the installation of radios. What exactly is meant by that may be kindly explained by the Hon'ble Minister.

Mr. President: It means the news sent out from the various sources, under the United Nations, the British Broadcasting Station, the Madras Branch of the All India Radio and such other sources.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I take it that the installation of these radios forms some sort of adjunct to the activities of the National War Front? Because, I thought from one of the interruptions of the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur that it is to give such news as to prevent fifth column activities. My friend has been doing it so violently all over the State and that at the expense of the Cochin tax payer. I am wondering whether it is necessary to saddle this item on the shoulder of the poor tax payer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur) :* Does the Hon'ble Member say that I was disseminating news helping fifth column activities.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Try to understand me; don't get excited.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* I was not siding Japan either in public or in private. My public and private talks tally.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I am saying that you are one of the strongest supporters of the United Nations, and quite correct too, because you are paid for that. What I am submitting here is that we have got an organisation in the State which is really doing the work of disseminating the correct news and doing a lot for the prosecution of the war efforts. Along with that, many more things are necessary. And for these things whenever we come forward for demands of money the normal reply given by Government is that the funds are not available for taking up the work; it will be taken up when funds are available. In that connection I submit that I am opposing this grant. It is not because that I don't want correct news to be disseminated but since it is already done by elaborate organisations and by such distinguished speakers as my friend the Hon'ble Member for Adur and the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur, I think that really in my opinion, spending money for radio installation seems to be unnecessary at this time when we are in want of funds, and when funds are required for more immediate purposes, I therefore oppose this grant.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Mr. President, Sir, I am at a loss to realise the genesis of the fire that broke out from the furnace of my brother member here hailing from my constituency. I in a helpful mood, just for the information of the house and himself, put in a suggestion that one of the objects at this critical moment, of installing radio is to counteract the dissemination of news which would help the activities of fifth columns. After all it was neither in a critical nor in an hostile mood that I did so but just to clear the Hon'ble Member's doubts as to the necessity of the installation. I am simply bewildered at the volume of the heat and the depth of the feeling that emanated from him for a simple serviceable role that I played in this matter. *(Laughter).*

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* You are imagining a heat which did not exist.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* I heard the Hon'ble Member saying that I exploded in the terruption. Is a semi audible aside so serious as all this? *(Laughter).* On the merits of the question, I have to submit to the House that the proposal is not a surprise shot to this House. This House is committed to instal such radios long before the outbreak of the war. Even during the time of our first Minister, the late lamented Mr. Sivarama Menon. I distinctly remember that I tabled a cut motion for the installation of radios in some select important villages of the State. And I was on the point of pressing it to a division when the predecessor in office of the present Minister undertook in the open House to do the work at the earliest convenience. My submission to the Honb'le House is even apart from the exigencies and the necessities and the emergencies that have been caused by the outbreak of the war even in normal times the proposal has been considered to be a necessity by the Leader of the House. Through the ministerial assurance given on the floor of this House, this House has committed itself to press the present motion and to support the Minister.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I inform the Hon'ble Member that I am not opposing the installing of radios. What I say is it is unwise to spend money at this critical time and when better times prevail and when we have enough funds, there can be installations of radios in all places. Radios can be installed even in the house of the Hon'ble Member at public expense.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* In your house too. If it is a necessity in normal times, the conditions brought about by the war will make it all the more imperative that these radios should be installed at the earliest possible moment. The outbreak of the war has made it all the more imperative to keep up the assurance of the Hon'ble Minister. I am sorry that the Hon'ble Member has missed that point. It is not a question of installing elaborate machinery costing millions of rupees. It is only a question of installing a few radios in four centres. It is not a question of installing radios in every tax payer's house either. The Hon'ble Member always imagines extremes. His exaggeration is to the infinite.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know at present in how many centres are radios installed ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* In important centres, namely, Ernakulam, Trichur, Chittur, Tattamangalam, Nemmara, Trippunittura.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* One was asked for Mattancheri ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is a Municipality and the Municipality will have to bear the cost.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Is there one at Tattamangalam.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have no information whether one is installed there. But arrangements have been made.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* The Mattancheri Municipality passed a resolution and sent it to the Government ; Government have not sanctioned it.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know if any arrangements have been made?

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* May I know why Government has not sanctioned it ?

Mr. President : The question will be considered.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know why Irinjalakkuda has been omitted ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is a Municipality ; it may be an error.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether actual arrangements have been made to instal radio at cost price ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is according to the Chief Engineer's estimate.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Prices are going up by leaps and bounds ; it is a matter to be considered.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The estimate was prepared some two months ago and conditions have changed to some extent.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the estimate has been negotiated with any company or firm ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We called for quotations and quotations were received. And it was according to these rates that the estimate was put down.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are the offers open even now ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Oh, yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It is two months old.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes, it has to be confirmed.

Mr T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Sir, I have to make a suggestion. I am not opposing this motion. People in towns like Chalakkudi, Vadakkancheri, etc., have become educated. They can get correct news in several ways. They have got libraries and they are educated. People in villages cannot get correct news; they get only some rumours; they believe in rumours and there is much danger. My suggestion is to instal these radios in places where there are many mills and working people, like Amballore. There are more than 5,000 people working there. They are all uneducated people. A sum of Rs. 4,600 was placed before the committee and there is a balance of nine hundred and odd for one radio set. Can the Government not instal atleast one radio in some of the villages also ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: റേഡിയോയിൽ ന്യൂസ്സ് തരുന്നതു് എല്ല ഭാഷയിലായിരിക്കും?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: എല്ലാ ഭാഷകളിലുമുണ്ടായിരിക്കും. മദ്രാസ്സിൽനിന്നാണു് നമുക്കു ന്യൂസ്സ് തരുന്നതു്. അതു് തമിഴിലും, തെലുങ്കിലും, മലയാളത്തിലും, ഇംഗ്ലീഷിലുമെല്ലാമുണ്ടു്. തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തു് ബ്രോഡ്കാസ്റ്റിംഗ് സ്റ്റേഷൻ തുടങ്ങിയിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അടുത്തു തന്നെ അവിടന്നു് ന്യൂസ്സ് വിതരണം ചെയ്യുന്നതായിരിക്കും. അതു അവിടെ വന്നു കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ നമുക്കു തരുന്ന ന്യൂസ്സ് എല്ലാം മലയാളത്തിലായിരിക്കും.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I do not oppose the motion ; only some suggestions Sir, I find there is no radio in some of the villages, like Narakkal.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* There is no objection in having radios installed in villages. We will consider the question of bringing in another additional allotment requisition at the next meeting.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* What about Mattancheri ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* All these will be considered at the next meeting.

Mr. President : The request for Mattancheri will also be looked into.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I am very sorry that my friend Mr. Bhaskara Menon made a reference which would cause some doubt about the work done by some of the members and cast aspersions on them.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I think it is absolutely unfair to say like that. I said he was doing very valuable work. You are imagining certain things and making statements.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I attended some meetings of the National War Front. Mr. Ibrahim created most wonderful effect on the people. I was very much satisfied. He was so very sincere and vigorous and was supporting and upholding the cause of the United Nations. You cannot get a better champion.

Regarding the installation of a radio set at Narakkal ; it is a coastal region. One may be started at Narakkal.

Demand put and carried

4. Rs. 6,000 under 24—A (2) Rural Sanitation—Prevention of Epidemics

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I would make a statement in this particular case, I am just moving for an additional allotment of Rs. 6,000 for the prevention of epidemics. Unfortunately we were not able to place this additional allotment before the Standing Finance Committee meeting which met day before yesterday ; we got these papers only yesterday evening. This being a very important and urgent matter, it cannot wait for the next session, because cholera has broken out in an epidemic form in Chittur and immediate measures have to

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be taken to prevent its spreading. Arrangements are already made by the Public Health Department including the cost of vaccine, cost of barricades, sheds, etc., the total expenditure comes to Rs. 9,000 for preventive measures. There is a balance of Rs. 3,000 from the amount sanctioned for plague preventive measures at Trichur and Mattancheri. Hence the additional allotment of Rs. 6,000 is necessary. If this Council will waive the technical objection, I request this grant may be sanctioned.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Suppose plague breaks out in Mattancheri?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: There is no permanent imprest for Mattancheri and Trichur plague preventive measures. When there is necessity Government will come to the aid of the people of Mattancheri.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: In the note, we find barricades and sheds. May I know what these mean?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: These are provided as a sort of preventive for cholera.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Better attention may be paid in prepairing the notes.

Demand put and carried

24. The Cochin Verumpattamdars Bill

Amendment No. 47

Mr. K. Ashtamoorthi Nambudiripad *(Landlords)*: Sir, I beg to move the following amendment: *"Add a new sub-clause (g) before the proviso: (g) That, at the end of an agricultural year, the lessor other than a charitable or religious body such as Devaswam, Mosque, Sabhayogam, or Mutt, requires the holding bonafide for his own cultivation or for that of any member of his family or tarawad or thavazhi who has a proprietary and beneficial interest therein"*. Mr. President, Sir, I find that I am compelled to move this amendment as there is among the jenmies of the State, a feeling that the exclusion of this provision from the Bill is highly injurious to their interests. By moving this amendment, I once more request the Government to reconsider this matter and include this provision in the Bill.

The absence of this provision, Sir, affects more the poorer landlords than the big jenmies. The big jenmies will have hundreds of tenants under them. So long as the tenants remain as they are, every big jenmi will be able to evict a few of them atleast if they want, for arrears of rent. Such is not the case with the poor landlords. Moreover, even the big families themselves are partitioning under the recent Marumakkathayam and Nayar Acts and even educated members belonging to such families find it well-nigh impossible to secure employment in Government service, or to take to any lucrative profession. In such cases, the landlord should be given an opportunity to go back to his own land and to earn his livelihood by cultivation. There is no reason why a mere occupier or speculator should be preferred to the owner or the jenmi. Even if a tenant owns many acres of land, he should not be allowed to be evicted with respect to any portion of his holding by his jenmi, even if that jenmi has no lands in his possession. The idea seems to be there is something sacrosanct in the name cultivator and this word loses its sanctity if the landlord becomes one.

The Select Committee in their report says that they did not vote for the provision because they were unable to devise practical means to prevent effectively an abuse of this privilege. From this we can understand that they do not dispute the justice of the claim of the jenmies. The Hon'ble the Advocate-General in his speech seconding the Bill mentioned about the findings of the Kuttikrishna Menon Committee Report about this matter. It is from their findings that the committee detected that there is wide abuse of this privilege by the jenmies. The same Kuttikrishna Menon Committee who took elaborate evidence on the matter did not reject the claim of the landlords in this respect though they say that there is an abuse of this privilege in some cases and the provisions contained in the existing Malabar Tenancy Act are inadequate to prevent the abuse of this privilege. From the amendment No. 46 to this Bill which was not moved by the Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri, we can see that even redoubtable champions of the tenants like my Hon'ble Friend, the Member for Vadakkancheri has recognised the justice of this claim though he is willing to give back to the poor jenmi only one acre of land for his own cultivation. So we can see the right the jenmi claims in this respect is just and proper.

So the only difficulty seems to be, Sir, to find ways and means to prevent as far as possible the abuse of these provisions. My humble submission is that the recommendations of the

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